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P.N.E.U. NOTES.

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To whom all Hon. Local Secs. are requested to send reports of all matters of interest connected with their branches, also 30 *copies of any prospectuses or other papers they may print.*

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NEW BRANCHES.

The Executive Committee has been approached with a view to starting Branches in the following places:—

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MANCHESTER.
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GUILDFORD.—Names may be sent *pro tem.* to Mrs. Clarke Kennedy, Ewhurst Rectory, near Guildford.

Readers of the *Parents' Review* living in these districts, or having friends there, are asked to communicate with Miss Blogg

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FOREST HILL.—The May meeting of this Branch took the form of an address by Miss C. Sturge, on "The importance of developing the poetic sense in children." The meeting took place (by kind permission of Miss Pound, who took the chair) at 9, Honor Oak Road. The lecturer treated the subject entirely from an abstract standpoint, and urged the

importance and value of developing the imagination. She also dwelt upon the necessity for an attitude of reverence, and pointed out how poetry helps to increase our ideals. In the discussion which followed, Mr. Whyte, Mrs. Kroker, Mr. Beer, Mr. Lister, Miss Cocks, Miss Pound and Dr. Laing Gordon took part. The speakers unanimously agreed upon the importance of developing the child's poetic sense, and appeared to lament the habit of childhood, to which the lecturer also pleaded past guilt, of "skipping" poetry. Unfortunately no practical hints or guidance resulted from either the discussion or Miss Sturge's reply; it is always to be regretted when members leave a meeting with the sense of being "no forrader." Much valuable information might be elicited if individual parents would relate their experiences with their own children. As so many do not care to make speeches, might there not be a discussion column for such subjects in the *Parents' Review*? Miss Sturge was heartily thanked for her able paper and her kindness in coming to Forest Hill.

EASTBOURNE.—On May 31st (by the kindness of Miss des Ruelles) a lecture was given at the Ladies' College, on "French Teaching," by Mdlle. Duriaux. The meeting, which was well attended, concludes our present session.

READING.—A meeting was held on Saturday afternoon, May 6th, in the Abbey Hall (kindly lent by Messrs. Sutton & Sons), when a paper was contributed by Miss Edith Bradley, warden of the Lady Warwick Hostel, Reading, on "New openings for girls after leaving school." Mrs. Steinthal had promised a paper on a similar subject but she was unable to attend, and Miss Bradley kindly filled her place. The chair was taken by W. G. De Burgh, Esq., M.A., of Reading College, who contributed some valuable remarks on the subject of the lecture. A discussion followed, in which many of the members joined. The attendance was a very good one, between 70 and 80 members being present.

CHICHESTER.—The last of the three lectures under the auspices of this branch was given (by the kindness of Mrs. Deane) at the Residentary, Chichester, on Tuesday, May 30th, at 4 p.m. Miss Webb, M.B., gave a very interesting address on "Habit," and we very much regret that, coming as she did so kindly from London, so small an audience were present to meet her; very few of the members were able to be present.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARD'S.—On May 18th a lecture was given at Miss Tiddeman's Studio (by her kind permission) by the Rev. H. Wesley Dennis, Principal of St. John's Training College, Battersea, on "Some Defects in Home Education and their Remedies." The chair was taken by the Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, Vicar of Rye.—The last lecture of the season was given by Mrs. Spencer Curwen, on June 3rd, at Park Mansion (by the kind invitation of Miss Agnes Booth). The chair was taken by Frau Walger, and Mrs. Curwen's method of music teaching was demonstrated by a little girl.

WEYBRIDGE.—A most interesting and amusing lecture was given in May, by Professor Hulme, on "Country Rambles." He has kindly promised to visit this Branch again during winter. Professor Hulme's address was very much appreciated.